

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior listings of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A fixture having external threading, comprising, 1/ a threaded Part for insertion into a prepared site in the jaw bone, and 2/ a threaded part, to which pressure may be applied by means of an internally threaded element ~~e.g. a nut~~, when used in conjunction with an appliance supported by teeth or adjacent static fixtures.

2. (Original) A one piece implant for osseodistraction or orthodontic anchorage, having a threaded part for insertion into bone, with the characteristics of a dental implant for insertion into bone, at one end, and the characteristics of a machine screw at the other end, which is intended to protrude into the mouth, for the connection to appliances, or prostheses, for the distraction of bone or the orthodontic movement of teeth.

3. (Currently amended) A fixture as ~~described in previous claims~~ claimed in claim 1, having two externally threaded parts, one which is inserted into a prepared site into the jaw bone, the other which protrudes into the oral cavity so that it may be acted upon by an internally threaded components.

4. (Currently amended) A fixture as described in previous claims claimed in claim 1, having an externally threaded part which protrudes into the oral cavity, said part having a flattened aspect, such that it may be acted upon either by an internally threaded component, or by cement on female components, or clip on female components, which mate with said flattened aspect to prevent rotation of the component.

5. (Currently amended) A fixture as described in the previous claims claimed in claim 1, having a smooth, non threaded, alignment section at its apex, intended to guide the transport segment of bone as if the bone is distracted and prevent inappropriate movement.

6. (Currently amended) A fixture as described in previous claims claimed in claim 1, which is provided with a polished section, intended to act as a collar to which the gingival cuff will approximate, said collar having a non round cross-section to allow insertion of the fixture with an appropriate shaped socketed tool.

7. (Currently amended) A fixture as described in previous claims claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixture is designed intended for connection to prostheses, orthodontic appliances, or adjacent teeth or dental implants.

8. (Currently amended) A fixture as described in previous claims claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixture is designed intended for connection to orthodontic appliances, said fixture having within its body an aperture, which may be square or rectangular, through which an orthodontic wire may be passed to facilitate connection of said fixture to adjacent teeth or appliances.

9. (Currently amended) A fixture as described in previous claims claimed in claim 1, having a slightly tapered body, having deeply biting threads, on that a part intended for

insertion into the jaw, and a metric machine threaded on ~~that~~ a part intended to protrude through the gingiva.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A fixture range or system ~~intended~~ for Osseo distraction, or for orthodontic anchorage in ~~the~~ a jaw, having available matched components, provided with fittings to facilitate the connection of arch wires, or the cementation of orthodontic components ~~substantially as described in this description and the accompanying figures.~~

13. (Currently amended) A fixture as ~~described in previous claims~~ claimed in claim 1, having a surface treatment intended to encourage rapid osseointegration, e.g. wherein said surface treatment comprises plasma sprayed spray, etched, blasted etching, blasting, titanium dioxide, hydroxylapatite or other roughening processes, on only the more superficial endosseous part of the fixture which is intended to contact the bony cortex of the intended site, and a smoother, possibly machined surface towards the apical portion of the fixture.

14. (Currently amended) A fixture as ~~described in previous claims~~ claimed in claim 1, having a progressively rougher surface, which is relatively smooth toward the apex of the fixture, and which becomes relatively rougher, and more attractive to bone growth towards the coronal aspect of that part of the fixture which is intended to contact the bony cortex of the intended site.

15. (Currently amended) A range or system of components ~~intended~~ for Osseo distraction, or for orthodontic movement of teeth, provided with fittings to facilitate the connection of arch wires, or the cementation of orthodontic components, wherein said range or system of components is arranged ~~intended~~ to be used in conjunction with a fixture having an externally threaded intra oral part[[,] or a threaded and flattened intra oral part, ~~substantially as described in this description and the accompanying figures.~~